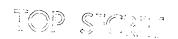
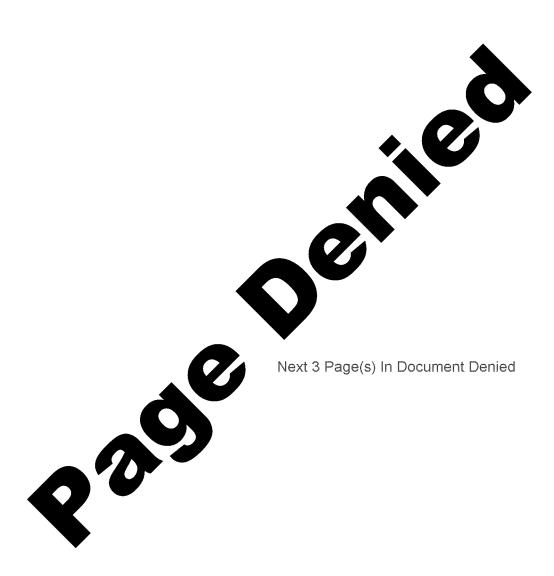
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## THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

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MEMORANDUM FOR:

Director of Central Intelligence

Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

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Chairman, National Intelligence Council

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FROM:

National Intelligence Officer for Strategic Programs

SUBJECT:

Consultants Review of NIE 11-3/8-81

- 1. The attached background papers are provided for your use in meeting with consultants on NIE 11-3/8-81 scheduled for 9 December. They contain biographies of the consultants, a brief outline of the material in the Estimate, a summary of its substantive findings and a list of subjects on which we anticipate agency disagreements.
- 2. The schedule for the NIE was revised because of the requirement to prepare SNIE 11-4/2-81, addressing Soviet and foreign reactions to US strategic force improvements. We are about a week behind the revised schedule, and we anticipate some minor additional delays. However, we will come close to meeting our target date for NFIB review of the Estimate in late January. The force projections coordinated by NFIB representatives will be made available to DoD and other consumers prior to final NFIB approval of the Estimate.
  - 3. Key differences between the draft NIE and last year's estimate are:
  - $\mbox{--US}$  forces and the results of red-blue force exchange calculations are not displayed.
  - --Greater emphasis on depicting the operation of Soviet strategic forces in various phases of global conflict.
  - --More explicit treatment of uncertainties about weapon characteristics and force capabilities.

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	Key judgments (yet to be drafted) will not be a summary but will contain those findings judged most pertinent to policymakers.					
	4. The consultants are of various backgrounds and hold differing points of view. Therefore, I propose to follow past practices by asking them to comment as individuals rather than try to reach a consensus. In addition to soliciting their views on all aspects of the findings and presentation of material in the draft, I plan to ask them to comment specifically on the revisions in the substance and format of this year's NIE and to make recommendations for the subjects that should be addressed in the Key Judgments.					
	5. There may be some additional issues which you would like me to have the consultants be prepared to address in their meeting with you. For this reason, and to go over any questions you have regarding the status and content of the draft, you may wish to meet with me prior to your session with the consultants.					
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